

Council on Postsecondary Education
February 8, 2013

Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation
Investment and Grantee Guidelines

ACTION: Staff recommends revisions to the Kentucky Enterprise Fund and Rural Innovation Fund Guidelines. They include the removal of application deadlines to allow companies to apply for funding at any time and the removal of the Rural Innovation Fund's requirement that all award funds be expended with a third party, bringing the language into line with the authorizing statute, KRS 164.6031(5)(a).

The Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation (KSTC) has proposed that the Council amend the Kentucky Enterprise Fund and Rural Innovation Fund Guidelines to give companies applying for grants the flexibility to apply for funding at any time, rather than limiting the process to pre-scheduled application deadlines. Removing application deadlines provides needed flexibility for companies, will allow KSTC to better manage its workflow, and will keep the due diligence and decision-making process unchanged.

KSTC also proposes to bring the language into line with the authorizing statute, KRS 164.6031(5)(a), by removing the Rural Innovation Fund's requirement that all moneys must be spent with a third party. This change will open the Rural Innovation Fund program to a wider selection of companies and will allow awarded companies the flexibility to use the funds to establish and grow their businesses in an appropriate manner.

Technical changes also have been made to the Rural Innovation Fund Guidelines to make its grant submission requirements consistent with those in the Kentucky Enterprise Fund Guidelines. These revisions have been reviewed and approved by Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation's Executive Committee.

The Guidelines as changed are attached. Council approval of these guideline changes is required by KRS 164.6017 and 164.6023.

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